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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Mr. Richard M. Bissell, Jr. regarding
Surfacing of OXCART Type Aircraft [REDACTED]

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25X1 1. On 24 February 1964, the undersigned together with [REDACTED] and Mr. John Parangosky met with Mr. Bissell for lunch to fill him in on the projected surfacing of an OXCART capability. We briefed him quite fully on the background for the decision, and the probable course which the surfacing would take beginning with the projected Presidential press release. This was done so as to preclude the possibility that he might be publicly sought out to determine his role in this activity, should the Agency be readily identified as the sponsor or co-sponsor of a U-2 follow-on.

2. Mr. Bissell was appreciative of the briefing, and said that he would find it helpful to have a few hours notice on the actual date, once it is determined. We agreed that we would advise his secretary in his absence assuming, of course, that there is not some premature surfacing of which we might have no control.

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